Study conducted by Indian Committee for Cultural Freedom

2591. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian Committee for Cultural Freedom has, in a detailed study held Doordarshan guilty of sycophancy as reported by Hindustan Times of 1st February, 1987 and if so, what corrective steps taken in this regard; and

(b) whether Government propose to publicise the results of the above study amongst TV staff and the public in national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Government has seen the press report to this effect.

(b) No, Sir.

Anti-subscriber policies of L.I.C.

2592. RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item that appeared in the Times of India dated 2nd February, 1987 regarding retrograde, anti-subscriber policies of LIC as revealed in the recent judgement of city Civil Court at Ahmedabad regarding forfeiture of premium by LIC; and

(b) if so, whether Government would instil spirit of public service in LIC and eliminate 90 days' duration in accident cases such as dog-bite etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The case relates to two policies for Rs. 50,000/- each which were lying in lapsed condition on the date of death of the Life assured on 7th January, 1979 due to non-payment of fifth half-yearly premium due 28th October, 1978, the life assured having paid only four half-yearly premiums due from 28th October, 1978 to 28th April, 1978 (both inclusive). Since three years' premiums were not paid, the policies had not acquired any paid-up value.

(b) There is no proposal at present to do away with the existing limit of 90 days for double accident benefit claim under LIC policies.

***Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and* Muslims as Directors/Chairman in Nationalised Banks**

2593. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Muslims who are member of the Boards of Directors/Chairmen in the Nationalised banks at present, bank-wise; and

(b) whether Government propose to fill up the posts now lying vacant from these categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The names of the Directors belonging to SC/ST and Muslim community as furnished by the 20 Nationalised banks are set out below:—

Sl.No.	Name of the Bank	Name of the Director
1	Punjab National Bank	Shri Salam at Ullah—Non-official director.
2	United Bank of India	Shri Islam Sabir—Non-official Director.
3	Allahabad Bank	Shri Mohammad Habib—Non-official Director.

1	2	3
4	Indian Overse as Bank	Shri A.M. Abdul Rasheed— Non-Official Director.
5	Indian Bank	Shri H.D. Nagesha— Workman Director (S.C)
6	New Bank of India	Smt. Tajwar Rahman Sahni— Govt. Director.

The appointment of Chairmen and Managing Directors and other Directors on the 20 nationalised banks is made in accordance with the provisions laid down in Clause 3 of the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Scheme, 1970 and 1980. Although, there is no specific provision in these Schemes for appointment of representatives of persons belonging to SC/STs, Muslims, etc., it has been the endeavour of the Government to provide due representation, as far as possible, to these communities on the Board of Directors of the nationalised banks.

Doordarshan coverage of Ministers and Opposition Leaders

2594. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of time and the number of words that have been given in A.I.R. and Doordarshan for coverage for Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi during the last two years, month-wise;

(b) the number of times and the number of words he spoke in Hindi and English; and

(c) what is the percentage of coverage left for other Central Ministers or opposition leaders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Both All India Radio and Doordarshan do not compile and store information regarding time and words given for the coverage of either the Prime Minister or Central Ministers or Opposition Leaders. A large number of news bulletins are put out daily by the two media. It is not possible to count word by word all the bulletins broadcast/telecast in a single day to find out the coverage given to the Prime Minister, Central Ministers and Opposition Leaders, etc. Moreover, the manpower and resources to be deployed to compile such information will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved by such an exercise.

Defective and soiled currency notes with the banks

2595. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of defective, soiled and unserviceable currency notes of various denominations now awaiting destruction in each bank;

(b) the names of the banks and the amount adopted to replace such currency notes; and

(c) the steps taken for adequate supply of coins of various denominations in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The information